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ABSTRACT

This document reports the fall 1971 racial census at the University of Maryland. The results of the census indicate that: (1) black students comprised 4% of the fall 1971 total student body enrollment; (2) black undergraduate students comprised 4% of the total undergraduate student body; (3) black graduate students comprised 5% of the total graduate student body; (4) black freshmen comprised 9% of the total new freshmen class; (5) most of the black undergraduate students are enrolled in the College of Arts and Sciences and carry a general major; (6) the majority of black undergraduates are from Baltimore City and most of the black graduate students are from Washington, D.C.; (7) more black graduate students are married and carry part-time course loads than black undergraduate students; and (8) black females and males are distributed about evenly between undergraduate and graduate students. Data on other minority groups are also reported. (Author/HS)

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SUMMARY

The fall 1971 racial census of the University of Maryland, College Park, conducted by the Office of Admissions and Registration (OAR) and the Cultural Study Center (CSC) is reported.

The results indicated that black students comprise 4% (*N*=1577) of the fall 1971 total student body enrollment (*N*=35,261). Black undergraduates make up 4% (*N*=1231) of the total undergraduate student body (*N*=27,678) and black graduate students 5% (*N*=346) of the total graduate student body (*N*=7583). Nine percent (*N*=467) of the total new freshmen (*N*=5279) are black.

Most of the black undergraduates are enrolled in the College of Arts and Sciences and carry a general major. Also, most of the black undergraduate students are from Baltimore City and most of the black graduate students are from Washington, D. C. More black graduate students are married and carry part-time course loads than black undergraduate students. Black males and females are distributed about evenly between undergraduate and graduate students.

Data on other minority groups are also reported.

The fall 1971 racial census of the University of Maryland, College Park, conducted by the Office of Admissions and Registration (OAR) and the Cultural Study Center (CSC) will be reported here. The racial census grew out of the need to: (1) provide statistical data on racial and ethnic origin required by the U. S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare (HEW); (2) permit the CSC to conduct studies relating to improved educational opportunity for minority group students; and (3) permit the OAR to review and evaluate minority group recruitment efforts. While many students have used the racial census information in classroom work and academic departments have used it to announce courses, etc., three uses of the data specific to the above purposes are: it has enabled the Office of Student Aid to request larger sums of federal monies for student assistance; it has enabled the CSC to carry out admissions studies which were used in the formulation of the new admissions standards beginning fall 1972; and it has enabled the OAR to set priorities and strategies with regard to recruiting black students from high schools and geographical regions in Maryland generally considered underrepresented in the student body at College Park.

This report provides more information than the previous report of the fall 1970 racial census. The additional information includes data on college, sex and geographical region. Several points should be mentioned regarding the method used in the racial census data collection. The data for the undergraduates represent verified self-reports with the exception of a few cases. The graduate student self-reports, however, are more difficult to verify, with approximately one-half of the cases unverified. The CSC considered a racial census report verified if the student's name and number matched that of the ID picture. Where there appeared to be a discrepancy between the self-report of race and ID picture the self-report was considered unverified. Since the University does not require part-time, graduate, or University College students to have ID pictures on file,

the CSC considered black student racial census reports unverified unless positive identification of these students could be made. Verified self-reports obviously provide more accurate racial census data and also a basis upon which the University can request increased resources. For example, unverified self-report data would have grossly underestimated the actual black student enrollment (by more than two hundred students) and thereby reduced the University's case for increased federal monies for student aid, assuming most of these students have demonstrated financial need. Because of separate registration procedures and locations, University College racial census data are not treated here. The OAR and CSC plan to coordinate a racial census with the University College soon. A detailed discussion of the verification method is provided in Brooks and Sedlacek (1971, 1972).

Results and Discussion

Since the University community may be unfamiliar with the trend of minority enrollment at College Park, racial census data from fall 1968-1971 are reported. Only data of a public nature and which has been regularly requested by the academic departments, administration and students are presented here. Persons desiring data not found in this report are requested to contact the CSC for an Application for Confidential Information.

Table 1 indicates that black students comprise 4% (N=1577) of the fall 1971 total student body enrollment (N=35,261). Table 2 shows that black undergraduates comprise 4% (N=1231) of the total undergraduate student body. Also 9% (N=457) of the new freshmen are black compared with 7% (N=386) for fall 1970.[1] Total black freshmen (new and returning) also comprise 9% of the total freshman class. The

[1] Fall 1971 new freshmen N=5279.

percentage of black sophomore students registered for the fall 1971 semester was expected to rise, reflecting the increased fall 1970 black freshman class. The junior and senior class percentages were expected to remain about the same. This indeed occurred. Note that it is possible for an increase in the number of black sophomores to occur without any freshmen leaving school for whatever reason. Many of the black freshmen enroll in the Intensive Educational Development program or the Office of Intermediate Registration (OIR) which require reduced course loads. Additionally, the University permits any first semester freshman to repeat a failed course without penalty. In either instance, the student would not accumulate credits to advance to sophomore status.

Most of the black undergraduates are enrolled in the College of Arts and Sciences, i.e., 36% (*N*=427), compared with 43% (*N*=12,003) for all undergraduates (Table 3). Enrollments for the other colleges in order of largest to smallest are: Intermediate Registration (OIR), blacks 26% (*N*=311), all undergraduates 2% (*N*=572); Education, blacks 13% (*N*=155), all undergraduates 19% (*N*=5217); and Business and Public Administration (BPA), blacks 12% (*N*=138), all undergraduates 15% (*N*=4270). The Colleges of Allied Health Professions, Agriculture, Architecture, Engineering, Home Economics, Nursing, Pharmacy, and Physical Education, Recreation and Health enrolled the remaining 13% (*N*=150) of black undergraduates compared with the remaining 18% (*N*=5008) for all undergraduates.[2] The order of major selections for black students remained generally the same as 1970 (Table 4). Thirty-eight percent (*N*=473) have a general major; 8% (*N*=99), Business Organization and Administration; 5% (*N*=58), Sociology; 4% (*N*=46), Elementary Education; 3% (*N*=36), Psychology; and 3% (*N*=32), Nursing. The remaining 39% of black undergraduates are distributed over 80 majors or have not yet selected a major. Most of the black undergraduates are full-time, i.e., 94% (*N*=1159). Additionally, approximately half of the undergraduates are males, *N*=611, and half females, *N*=605,

[2] OAR records show colleges for 1181 of the 1231 black undergraduates.

with data unavailable on the remaining 15 students. Most of the black undergraduates are from Baltimore City, 33% (*N*=403), with 21% (*N*=254) from Washington, D. C. Eighteen percent (*N*=223) are from Prince George's County, 6% (*N*=71) Montgomery County, and 4% (*N*=50) Baltimore County.[3]

Tables 1 and 2 show that black graduate students comprise 5% (*N*=346) of the total graduate student body (*N*=7583) of which an estimated 78% (*N*=270) are new. Of the black graduates reporting their program of study[4] 12% (*N*=24) indicated Counseling and Personnel Services; the remaining black graduates are distributed about the same across 36 programs. Most of the black graduates are part-time, i.e., 68% (*N*=234), (Table 5). As would be expected a larger percentage of black graduate students than black undergraduate students are married (55%, *N*=106 vs. 7%, *N*=82).[5] Additionally, 54% (*N*=105) of the black graduates are male and 45% (*N*=87) are female.[6] Most of the black graduates are from Washington, D. C., i.e., 23% (*N*=44); and Prince George's County, i.e., 15% (*N*=29).

The total minority student body (including black students) comprises 9% (*N*=3009) of the total student body (*N*=35,261). These are distributed as follows: American Indians, 1% (*N*=181 undergraduates and *N*=32 graduates); Oriental, 2% (*N*=575 undergraduates and *N*=227 graduates); and Spanish Surname, 1% (*N*=353 undergraduates and *N*=64 graduates). Each minority group enrollment is up from fall 1970: American Indians increased 15%, Oriental increased 5%, and Spanish Surname increased 29%. The above minority enrollments are based on unverified student self-reports.

[3] OAR records show geographic codes for 1163 of the 1231 black undergraduates.
[4] Based on 193 verified graduate students.
[5] Based on OAR records for 193 graduate students and for 1218 undergraduates.
[6] Percent will not total 100% because one student did not list sex.

Note: Geographic code percentages will not total 100% because the out-of-state and some Maryland counties are not cited.

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TABLE 1

Fall 1968, 1969, 1970 and 1971 Black Student
and Total Student Body at College Park

	1968	1969	1970	1971
Undergraduate Total Student Body	25,805	25,338	26,720	27,678
Graduate Total Student Body	6,528	7,096	7,444	7,583
Total Student Body	32,333	32,434	34,164	35,261
Black Undergraduate Student Body	484	574	944	1,231
Black Graduate Student Body	102	130	341	346
Classification Unavailable	-	14	-	-
Total Black Student Body	586	718	1,285	1,577

TABLE 2

Fall 1970 and 1971 Black Student Enrollment at College Park

CLASSIFICATION	1970 NEW[a]	1970 RETURNING[b]	1970 TOTAL	1971 NEW[a]	1971 RETURNING[b]	1971 TOTAL
Freshman	386	118	504	467	257	724
Sophomore	49	113	162	27	194	221
Junior	43	102	145	4	119	123
Senior	23	74	97	-	110	110
Other	30	6	36	9	44	53
UNDERGRADUATE	531	413	944	507	724	1231
First Year Graduate	126	-	126	127	-	127
Subsequent Year Graduate	141	74	215	143	76	219
GRADUATE	267	74	341	270	76	346
TOTAL	798	487	1285	777	800	1577

[a] New students to College Park, i.e., fall 1971 entry date.

[b] Returning students include all students previously in attendance at College Park.

Note: 166 (13 undergraduates and 153 graduates) unverified student self-reports are included among the classification distributions.

TABLE 3

Fall 1971 Black Student Enrollment by College at College Park

COLLEGE	*N*
Allied Health Professions	18
Agriculture	8
Architecture	6
Arts and Sciences	427
Business and Public Administration	138
Education	155
Engineering	47
Graduate	346
Home Economics	29
Intermediate Registration	311
Nursing	32
Pharmacy	2
Physical Education, Recreation and Health	26
Unavailable[a]	32
Total	1577

[a] 32 undergraduate students did not show a college on OAR records.

TABLE 4

Fall 1971 Black Undergraduate Student Enrollment
by Major at College Park

Major	*N*	Major	*N*
Administration Law	1	History	9
Advertising Design	6	Home Economics Education	3
Aeronautical Engineering	4	Housing and Applied Design	1
Agriculture	1	Industrial Education	8
Agronomy	1	Information Systems Management	11
Anthropology	3	Interior Design	2
Architecture	9	Journalism	12
Art	10	Law Enforcement	4
Art Education	4	Library Science Education	3
Astronomy and Physics	5	Mathematics	17
Biological Sciences, General	6	Mathematics Education	13
Botany	1	Mechanical Engineering	3
Business Organization and Administration	99	Medical Technology	4
Business Education	8	Microbiology	5
Chemical Engineering	6	Music	3
Chemistry	3	Music Education	5
Civil Engineering	5	No Curriculum (Special)	11
Community Studies	2	Nursing	32
Computer Science	3	Nutrition	1
Costume	2	Pharmacy	2
Dance Education	1	Philosophy	2
Dietetics	1	Physical Education	13
Economics	7	Physical Sciences, General	1
Education - Early Childhood	9	Physical Therapy	15
Education for Industry	4	Pre-Dentistry	6
Electrical Engineering	22	Pre-Law	25
Elementary Education	46	Pre-Medicine	18
English	11	Pre-Veterinary	4
English Education	9	Psychology	36
Family Studies	4	Recreation	13
Foreign Languages	2	Social Studies Education	4
Foreign Language Education	6	Social Work	10
French	2	Sociology	58
General	473	Spanish	1
General (Engineering)	1	Special Education	19
General Studies (UC)[a]	19	Speech and Dramatic Art	9
Geography	1	Speech Education	3
Geology	2	Textiles and Clothing	7
Government and Politics	13	Vocational-Industrial Education	3
Health Education	2	Zoology	5
		No Major indicated	16

[a] 19 black University College students registered for "day courses" at College Park are also officially included in the count of students by major. Source: OAR.

TABLE 5

Fall 1971 Black Student Enrollment and Status
(Full-Time/Part-Time) at College Park

	FULL-TIME	PART-TIME	STATUS UNAVAILABLE	TOTAL
Freshman	738	22	7	767
Sophomore	145	9	-	154
Junior	114	4	-	118
Senior	100	10	-	110
Other	62	17	3	82
UNDERGRADUATE	1159	62	10	1231
First Year Graduate	56	49	22	127[a]
Subsequent Year Graduate	56	119	44	219[a]
GRADUATE	112	168	66	346
TOTAL	1271	230	76	1577

[a] Self-report data; OAR does not make a full-time/part-time determination for graduate students.

Note: 43 more freshmen are listed above than shown in Table 2 which is due to difference in updating of records during a two-week period. The lower freshman count shown in Table 2 is the most recent count.